

CLAIMS

I/we claim:

1. A combination umbrella and fan for providing improved comfort to a user comprising:
 - a centrally located support rod having upper and lower ends;
 - 5 a fan housing secured proximate to the upper end of the support rod, the fan housing including a lower end having a plurality of open slots extending therethrough, the fan housing further including a plurality of openings extending therethrough proximate an upper end;
 - an electrically powered fan motor having an output shaft secured to a propeller which is located within the fan housing, the fan motor being selectably reversible for rotating the propeller in
 - 10 first and second directions;
 - a power supply for providing electrical power to the fan motor, the power supply including a switch for reversing the electric motor;
 - a flexible cover member; and
 - a plurality of spaced apart rib members and stretchers for supporting the cover member.
- 15 2. The combination umbrella and fan as recited in claim 1, wherein the lower end of the support rod includes a handle.
3. The combination umbrella and fan as recited in claim 1, wherein the lower end of the support rod includes an on/off switch for controlling the fan motor.
4. The combination umbrella and fan as recited in claim 1, wherein the power supply comprises at
- 20 least one battery and at least one solar cell.
5. The combination umbrella and fan as recited in claim 4, wherein the solar cell provides power to the fan motor.
6. The combination umbrella and fan as recited in claim 4, wherein the solar cell maintains the charge level of the battery.
- 25 7. The combination umbrella and fan as recited in claim 4, wherein the solar cell is located on the upper end of the fan housing.

8. The combination umbrella and fan as recited in claim 4 further including at least one battery housing secured to the fan housing for supporting the at least one battery.
9. The combination umbrella and fan as recited in claim 1 further including a peg member on the upper end of the fan housing.
- 5 10. The combination umbrella and fan as recited in claim 1 wherein the fan housing is generally cylindrical with the openings extending at spaced locations through the circumferential surface thereof.
11. The combination umbrella and fan as recited in claim 1, wherein the switch is located on the fan housing.
- 10 12. The combination umbrella and fan as recited in claim 1, wherein the fan motor is located in the fan housing.
13. A combination umbrella and fan for providing improved comfort to a user comprising:
- a centrally located support rod having upper and lower ends;
 - a cylindrical fan housing secured proximate to the upper end of the support rod, the fan housing including a lower end having a plurality of open slots extending through the circumferential surface, the fan housing further including a plurality of openings extending through the circumferential surface proximate an upper end;
 - an electrically powered fan motor having an output shaft secured to a propeller which is located within the fan housing, the fan motor being selectably reversible for rotating the propeller in first and second directions;
 - a power supply comprising at least one battery and at least one solar cell for providing electrical power to the fan motor, the power supply including a switch for reversing the electric motor;
 - a flexible cover member; and
 - 25 a plurality of spaced apart rib members and stretchers for supporting the cover member.